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Majority prices were unchanged when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Demand following the weekend was fair to good and improved with strongest interest into fast food, sports bars, and first of the month retail features. Supplies were in good balance to at times closely cleared. In the parts structure, trading was light to active. Breast items were balanced to short, wings were sufficient to close balanced, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/05/03-05/09/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	53.67	15	56.63	34
Chicago	47.00-50.00	50.36	40	53.10	76
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	56.76	23
Denver	68.50	68.45	19	68.06	22
Detroit	49.00-50.00	50.60	10	55.29	36
Los Angeles	69.00	67.01	60	63.13	155
New York	50.00-53.00	52.39	23	55.40	52
Philadelphia	51.00-53.00	52.55	11	52.20	27
Pittsburgh	51.00-54.00	52.18	11	57.23	59
St. Louis	49.25-49.50	49.12	22	49.86	43
San Francisco	69.50	68.21	26	68.57	59

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/05/03	Change/Last Wk	04/28/03	05/06/02
586	57.89	-0.21	58.10	55.83

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	53.50-56.00	53.72	38
Central	51.00-58.00	55.83	59
West	50.00-63.50	58.25	44
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	63.32	84

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,213	47.00-66.00	62.36

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	183.50	1,402
BREASTS - B/S	158.00	5,091
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,543
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.00	951
LEG QUARTERS	21.00	9,256
WINGS	71.00	3,413

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, but steady and improved. Demand following the weekend increased due to active retail ads and first of the month business. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. Truck shortages were still prevalent and continued to wreak havoc on deliveries. In the parts structure, movement was better, aided by retail features and first of the month activities which resulted in product being in a better balance to close, particularly breast items and wings. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready -to-cook whole/fryers was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive draw was about fair. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance. The remainder of cuts were sufficient.

WESTERN Final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trading reported for this week's deliveries were at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were easily adequate to cover the moderate buying activity. Retail demand was moderate overall. Dealers reported fair weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk 21-21.5 and 4/10s 22-22.5, boneless leg meat and thigh meat mid 60s, drumstick high 20s, breast bone-in 88-98 and boneless 145- 148. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down .29 to 51.83 with the volume reported at 33 loads unchanged from last week.

MIDWEST Majority prices into Ohio were too few to report, all other areas unchanged from last Monday's final majorities. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings adequate for current trade needs. Retail and food service movement was moderate to good, best into fast food, casual dining and sports bars. Floor stocks were adequate to short. Weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Trade on parts was moderate to instances good on white meat items, limited on dark meat. Supplies of all items adequate with breast items in best position. The market tone steady on wings, fully steady to firm on other breast items, and about steady on leg quarters.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good for Monday's fill-in needs. Seller offerings were generally noted as in good balance to closely cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were often desirable to lighter than desired. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to short. Leg quarters were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were often noted as tight or short of immediate needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	50-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.22
NO. OF BOXES	8,746

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was moderate to fairly good over the weekend and mostly fair entering the week as dealers assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were noted in better balance. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate and wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items and steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		150	150.08	450,280
TENDERLOINS	130-135		135.43	95,700
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81		87.11	162,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	80		82.89	107,400
LEGS	32-33		30.40	294,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21		22.38	365,772
DRUMSTICKS	23-24		29.01	117,390
THIGHS	22-23		34.39	35,370
B/S THIGHS	62-63		67.21	93,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	59-60		64.90	215,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.09	35,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		25.21	16,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		43.64	25,832

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,084	138.00-176.00	138-143	140.11
TENDERLOINS	749	133.00-190.00	-	145.02
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES	619	66.00-77.00	-	66.33
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	888	17.00-19.00	17	17.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,951	18.00-21.00	18.5-20	19.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	997	47.00-78.00	-	66.93
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	884	17.00-19.00	-	18.82

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/05	05/01	05/01	04/28	04/24
ALA	4,085	3,999	5.11	3,828	5.18
ARK	5,036	5,256	4.65	5,212	4.93
DELMARVA	2,252	2,281	5.13	2,213	5.15
KY-LA-TN	1,919	1,967	4.79	1,872	4.89
MISS	3,025	2,949	5.36	2,938	5.19
NC	2,566	2,519	6.04	2,534	6.12
TEXAS	2,452	2,381	4.95	2,463	5.07
TOTAL	21,335	21,352	5.10	21,060	5.19
MON	21,335(A)			21,060(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-May 2003 is estimated to be 31,920,000 up 1.00 percent from a week ago and up 0.86 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,603,000 last year 31,648,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	929	131.00-230.00	137-142	141.65
TENDERLOINS	231	135.00-190.00	135-139	142.85
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	82.00-89.00	83-85	84.80
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	89	26.00-36.00	-	27.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	751	16.00-19.00	17-18	17.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,165	18.00-26.00	19-20	20.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	277	60.00-72.00	-	70.48
WINGS (CUT)	453	75.00-85.00	79-83	80.96
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 05, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.50 - 48.00	45.55	46.10

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF MAY 05-09, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 159.00	140.00 - 152.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	82.00 - 98.00	82.00 - 87.00
LEGS	30.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 22.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	59.00 - 79.00	70.00 -
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	87-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-104
ICE PACK	96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	113
ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	91-98
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	
DUCKS	155-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

02-MAY-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-18.50	-	526,000	526,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.11			
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-16.50	10.50-16.50	1,664,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.81	12.71		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the at least adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was mostly moderate. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-MAY-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.11
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

02-MAY-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.00-17.00	97,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.84		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-15.00	10.00-14.50	1,734,000	326,400
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	12.10		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	24,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-MAY-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.56

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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